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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2917

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2917 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. For purposes of this Act:

7 "Council" means the Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory  
8 Council.

9 Section 10. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory  
10 Council. For the purpose of facilitating communication between  
11 the youth of the State of Illinois and the elected branches of  
12 State government regarding the issues, interests, and needs  
13 important to youth in the State of Illinois, the Illinois  
14 Legislative Youth Advisory Council is created. The Council  
15 shall have the powers and responsibilities enumerated in this

1 Act, together with such others as may be conferred upon it by  
2 law. The Council shall be an entity created and maintained  
3 under the legislative branch.

4 Section 15. Advisory Board; members; nomination; term of  
5 office; vacancies.

6 (a) An Advisory Board shall be created to facilitate the  
7 functions of the Council. The Advisory Board shall consist of 2  
8 members of the House of Representatives, one each appointed by  
9 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Minority  
10 Leader of the House of Representatives, and 2 members of the  
11 Senate, one each appointed by the President of the Senate and  
12 the Minority Leader of the Senate. The initial term for members  
13 of the Advisory Council shall begin on July 1, 2015, or the  
14 effective date of this Act, whichever occurs later, and expire  
15 on January 11, 2017. Thereafter, the term for members of the  
16 Advisory Council shall begin on the Thursday following the  
17 second Wednesday of January, and expire after 2 years. On or  
18 before September 1, 2015, the Advisory Board shall create an  
19 application that shall be used in nominating individuals to be  
20 members of the Council. The Advisory Board may, from time to  
21 time, modify the application with the consent of the Council.  
22 While the Council is in session, the Advisory Board may attend  
23 meetings of the Council, and may generally advise the Council.  
24 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to entitle Advisory  
25 Board members to vote on matters pending before the Council.

1           (b) Each member of the Senate shall nominate one qualified  
2 individual that resides in the Senator's legislative district  
3 to serve as a member of the Council after receiving and  
4 reviewing the individual's application and considering any  
5 recommendation made by a member of the House of  
6 Representatives. The Senator shall make the nomination on or  
7 before October 31 of each calendar year. After making the  
8 nomination, the Senator shall, by first class mail, notify the  
9 nominated individual by November 10 of the same year. If the  
10 Senator is a member of the majority party, the Senator shall  
11 notify the President of the Senate of his or her nomination by  
12 November 10 of the same year. If the Senator is a member of the  
13 minority party, the Senator shall notify the Minority Leader of  
14 the Senate of his or her nomination by November 10 of the same  
15 year.

16           (c) Upon receiving a nomination, the President of the  
17 Senate or the Minority Leader of the Senate, whichever the case  
18 may be, shall accept the nomination, except for good cause  
19 shown, and appoint the individual to be a member of the  
20 Council. Upon appointing the nominated individual, the  
21 President of the Senate or the Minority Leader of the Senate,  
22 whichever the case may be, shall notify the individual of his  
23 or her appointment by first class mail. A nomination shall not  
24 be rejected except for good cause shown. If a nomination is  
25 rejected, the President of the Senate or the Minority Leader of  
26 the Senate, whichever the case may be, shall state in writing

1 the reason or reasons that the nomination was rejected, and  
2 transmit the written rejection to the nominated individual and  
3 the Senator that nominated the individual. In such a case, the  
4 Senator shall nominate another qualified individual within 5  
5 days.

6 (d) Each Council member's term shall be for one year. A  
7 member shall be allowed to serve more than one term, so long as  
8 the member continues to meet the requirements for being a  
9 member and is appointed for each term.

10 (e) Any vacancies in the Council shall be filled in the  
11 same or substantially the same manner as the original  
12 appointment within 30 days after the vacancy.

13 Section 20. Members; qualifications. Each member of the  
14 Council shall, during his or her term, be:

15 (1) a resident of this State;

16 (2) older than 16 years of age and younger than 22  
17 years of age, except that if a member turns 23 years of age  
18 during his or her term, such member shall be allowed to  
19 complete the term; and

20 (3) be a student enrolled at a high school, community  
21 college, or university in this State, except that if a  
22 member graduates from high school or college during his or  
23 her term, such member shall be allowed to complete the  
24 term.

1 Section 25. Quorum; meetings; committees; leadership-  
2 responsibilities.

3 (a) A majority of those appointed to the Council shall  
4 constitute a quorum.

5 (b) The Council shall convene each year on the Thursday  
6 following the second Wednesday of January in the State Capitol.  
7 At the initial meeting, the Council shall:

8 (1) elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and  
9 Clerk;

10 (2) adopt rules of procedure;

11 (3) form committees to assist in furthering the goals  
12 of the Council, and appoint committee chairs and  
13 vice-chairs; and

14 (4) announce the date and location of the next meeting  
15 of the Council.

16 (c) The Council shall meet as often as is deemed necessary,  
17 but shall meet in person at least once within 100 days after  
18 the initial meeting. For all other meetings and committee  
19 meetings, the Council may meet by electronic or telephonic  
20 means. Members of the Council shall be excused from school to  
21 participate in in-person meetings of the Council.

22 (d) The President of the Council shall:

23 (1) convene, direct, and adjourn meetings of the  
24 Council;

25 (2) call for a vote on any matter pending before the  
26 Council;

1 (3) transmit Council reports to the General Assembly;

2 and

3 (4) be the official liaison between the Council and  
4 General Assembly.

5 (e) The Secretary of the Council shall:

6 (1) serve as Acting President in the President's  
7 absence;

8 (2) prepare and distribute agendas of Council meetings  
9 to Council members; and

10 (3) keep and maintain the minutes of Council meetings.

11 (f) The Treasurer of the Council shall:

12 (1) report on the funds available in the Illinois  
13 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund; and

14 (2) serve as the official liaison between the Council  
15 and the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller.

16 (g) The Clerk of the Council shall:

17 (1) record the final votes on any measure called for a  
18 vote by the President; and

19 (2) transmit the final vote on all measures called for  
20 a vote by the President to the Secretary for inclusion in  
21 the minutes.

22 (h) The President in transition shall be appointed by the  
23 President of the Senate within 14 days after the effective date  
24 of this Act. The President in transition shall meet the  
25 qualifications set forth in Section 20 of this Act, and shall  
26 serve until the second Wednesday of the January following the

1 effective date of this Act. The President in transition shall  
2 be responsible for initial outreach and marketing of the  
3 Council to the youth of Illinois. The President in transition  
4 may use the provisions of Section 35 of this Act to facilitate  
5 these duties.

6 (i) The Council may create more leadership positions by  
7 rule.

8 Section 30. Powers. The Council may:

9 (1) request the drafting of legislative measures from  
10 the Legislative Reference Bureau;

11 (2) provide testimony during any committee meeting of  
12 the General Assembly;

13 (3) vote on any matter pending before the General  
14 Assembly and inform the General Assembly of the Council's  
15 position on the matter;

16 (4) draft reports and advisory opinions to the General  
17 Assembly;

18 (5) perform any other activity that may reasonably  
19 inform the General Assembly of the Council's position on  
20 any issue of relevance; and

21 (6) conduct periodic seminars for members of the  
22 Council concerning leadership, government, and the General  
23 Assembly.

24 Section 35. Outreach.

1           (a) On or before September 1 of each year, the President of  
2 the Council shall notify all high schools, colleges, and  
3 universities in this State that the time for applying to become  
4 a member of the Council is open, and shall expire on October  
5 31. The notice shall include the requirements for membership, a  
6 copy of the application, and the name, district address, and  
7 district phone number of the Senators near the high school,  
8 college, or university.

9           (b) Upon receiving notice that the application period is  
10 open, the high school, college, or university shall make  
11 reasonable attempts to notify interested students of the  
12 Council.

13           (c) To raise awareness about the Council, the Council may:

14               (1) conduct a public awareness campaign;

15               (2) maintain a website; and

16               (3) work with established youth groups to increase  
17 awareness.

18           Section 40. Staff support. The President of the Senate, the  
19 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of  
21 Representatives shall each designate an individual to serve as  
22 a staff member of the Council. Staff members shall be  
23 uncompensated and shall assist the Council in administrative  
24 duties.

1 Section 45. Report to the General Assembly and Governor.  
2 The Council shall submit an annual report to the General  
3 Assembly and the Governor detailing its activities and  
4 recommending any proposed legislation.

5 Section 50. Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council  
6 Fund. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund is  
7 created as a special fund in the State treasury. All moneys in  
8 the Fund shall be used to reimburse Council members for actual  
9 expenses incurred in traveling to Council meetings, including  
10 travel, food, and lodging, and printing the annual report in  
11 compliance with Section 45 of this Act. The moneys in the  
12 Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund are subject to  
13 appropriation by the General Assembly. The Illinois  
14 Legislative Youth Advisory Council Fund may accept donations  
15 and gifts.

16 Section 95. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
17 Section 5.866 as follows:

18 (30 ILCS 105/5.866 new)

19 Sec. 5.866. The Illinois Legislative Youth Advisory  
20 Council Fund.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law."